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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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TAGS: EWWT, BR

SUBJECT: SEALAND IN BRAZIL

REF: BRASILIA 3138

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MARAD THAT THE FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN SENT BY ROBERT J. BLACKWELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS TO GENERAL NEWTON CYRO BRAGA IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL BRAGA'S LETTER CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

QUOTE:

THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF LETTER NO. 29/SG IN  
REPLY TO MY COMMUNICATION OF APRIL 3, 1978, ADDRESSED TO  
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MINISTER NOGUEIRA.

I REGRET THAT BRAZIL HAS SEEN FIT TO RETAIN DECREE NO. 80.145 AND SUNAMAM RESOLUTION 5.246 IN THEIR PRESENT FORM. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES THAT BOTH OF THESE REGULATIONS ACT IN A DISCRIMINATORY MANNER AND EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE SEA-LAND FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE

US-BRAZIL TRADE WITH THE VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT THEY INTENDED TO USE. SUNAMAM RESOLUTION 5.246, AS IT PERTAINS TO PUERTO RICO, IS ESPECIALLY DISRUPTIVE OF OUR MARITIME RELATIONS SINCE IT REPRESENTS AN UNJUSTIFIABLE INTRUSION INTO THE DOMESTIC COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL RECONSIDER ITS DECISION REGARDING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LEGAL MEASURES.

UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES OF LETTER'S CONTENT AND THAT ORIGINAL HAS BEEN SENT DIRECTLY.

3. A RESPONSE FROM RICHARD BANK, DIRECTOR EB/TRA/MA, ALSO A DIRECT ADDRESSEE OF BRAZILIAN LETTER CONTAINED REFTEL, WILL FOLLOW. CHRISTOPHER

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